

DESERONTO

The Town of Deseronto is situated in the south-east corner of the County of Hastings, Ontario, eighteen miles east of Belleville and 30 miles west of Kingston. The town is beautifully situated on a gentle acclivity, which rises up from the Bay of Quinte, a long arm of Lake Ontario. The Bay of Quinte is far-famed for its picturesque beauty, and the country adjoining it is one of the most beautiful regions in the whole Dominion. In this fair district has sprung up, during recent years, the Town of Deseronto, which already, on account of the extent and variety of its manufacturing establishments and the enterprise of its people, ranks among the most important towns of the great Province of Ontario. "Deseronto," the name assumed in 1881, is a Mohawk word, the meaning of which is "An object which has been struck with lightning." Captain John Deseronto was the chief, who, after



RESIDENCE OF MR. RATHBUN, BUILDER.

the revolutionary war, led fifteen canoe loads of Mohawk Indians to his residence, granted them in the Township of Tyndinaga, by George III., as a reward for their loyalty to the British Government. Chief John Deseronto was undoubtedly a greater warrior than the famous Brant, though not so successful in the pushing himself into notice. Deseronto was buried near the present Mohawk parsonage, but no stone has been raised to mark the spot where the great warrior lies. In the year 1855, John Culbertson, whose mother was a daughter of Captain John Deseronto, applied to the chiefs of that day for a grant of land on account of the services of his grandfather. After some time the grant of eight hundred acres off the east end of the Tyndinaga Reserve was made, and in 1858 Culbertson built a landing in the Bay, which became known to travellers and the people of the district as Culbertson's wharf. About the year 1857 Culbertson conceived the idea of a village about his residence, and had a small plot surveyed for that purpose, giving it the name of Deseronto, after his grandfather. In July, 1858,

members being Messrs. H. B. Rathbun, Thomas T. Howe and L. E. Carpenter. The two latter withdrawing, the business was continued by the late Mr. Hugo Burghardt Rathbun, who may be regarded as the builder and founder of Deseronto as a

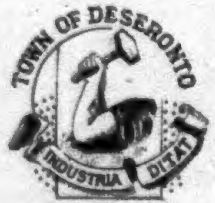


F. DONOGHUE & SONS.

business community. Mr. Rathbun continued the business alone until 1881, when he associated with himself his son, Mr. E. W. Rathbun, the present manager of The Rathbun Company, who took direction of the business then known as the firm of H. B. Rathbun & Co. In 1880 Mr. F. B. Rathbun was admitted into the firm, which, in 1884, was incorporated as The Rathbun Company, now known as one of the great commercial corporations of the Dominion of Canada.

In 1871 Mill Point was enacted into an incorporated village, an area of 499 acres from the Township of Tyndinaga being set apart for the purpose. The population at that time was 804. The village, with the expansion of the business of Messrs. Rathbun, continued to grow rapidly in population, and on January 7th, 1888, by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in council, it became the incorporated Town of Deseronto, the population having been found by a special census to be 3,300. At the present time it has a population of about 4,000.

The seal of the town, as here shown, bears the appropriate motto, "Industria Diligens."

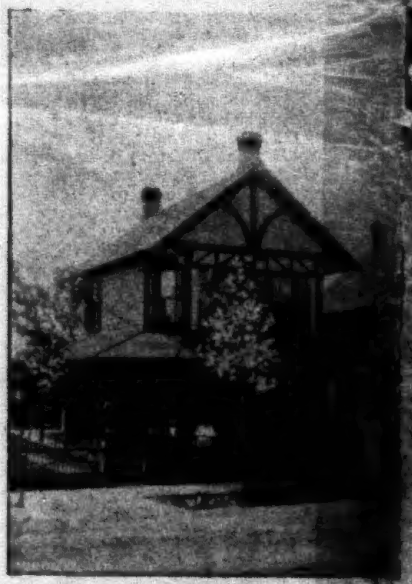


The Municipality of Deseronto is represented in the County Council by two members of the Town Council—the Reeve and

E. W. Rathbun, Mayor; J. Newton, M.P.; Reeve; A. S. Valleeau, Deputy Reeve; Councillors, Centre Ward, Wm. Stoddard, James Whitton, G. A. Parnham; West Ward, Wm. Irvine, L. Hoppins, J. B. Clement; East Ward, A. A. Richardson, W. Mellow, Wm. Evans. Town officials—H. N. Irvine, Clerk; P. S. Rathbun, Treasurer; John McCullough, Assessor; E. A. Picken and G. A. Cole, Auditors; George Gunyon, Chief of Police, etc.

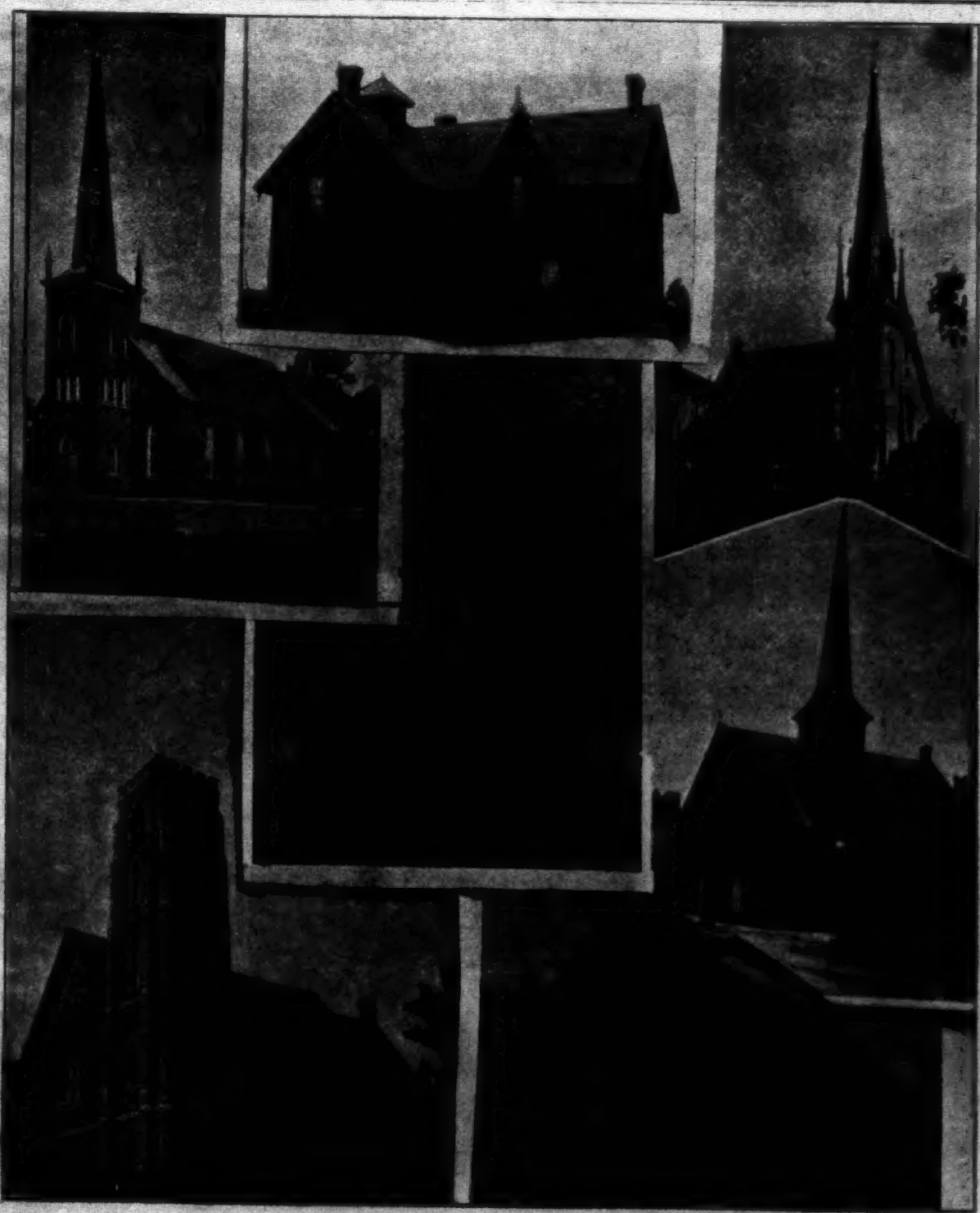
For Dominion and Provincial electoral purposes, the Town of Deseronto, the Village of Tweed, and the Townships of Tyndinaga, Thurlow and Hungerford constitute the East Riding of Hastings.

The principal trade of Deseronto is the manufacture of lumber. The Trent, Moira, Salmon and Napanee Rivers and the various lakes with which they are connected drain a large district of town-



RESIDENCE OF J. R. BOOTH, CONTRACTOR.

try, and serve the purpose, together with the railways, of carrying to the market logs cut in the vast forest of the district. The saw mills of Deseronto are on an extensive scale and thoroughly equipped with powerful machinery and the modern labor saving appliances. The stranger, as he emerges from the railway station, or steps from a steamer at the wharf, finds himself gazing with amazement at the huge wire rope cables, the active and ubiquitous masts, and other devices by which work is expedited and the cost of manufacture lessened. The Rathbun Company have solved the problem of utilizing to advantage the refuse lumber, sawdust, etc., of their mills. In doing this they have established various industries subsidiary to the manufacture of lumber. Huge dry kilns have been built, and a large number of saws, planers, and other machinery are in operation. The products are shipped to all parts of the world. The car works are busily employed, and of late have turned out some of the finest electric street cars in America. The Deseronto Terra Cotta Works, the first of the kind established in Canada, is an important industry. At these works the superfluous sawdust from the mills, which is not required to furnish fuel for motive power, is combined with clay in the manufacture of terra cotta for decorative purposes in building and all kinds of brick are also manufactured at these works. Then the Chemical Works, the outcome of years of patient, persevering experiment, cannot fail to attract every visitor of an investigating or scientific bent of mind. At these works the coarse woods of the forest and some of the refuse of the saw mills are converted into charcoal, a nest of about 20 large



H. C. Church, English Church.

GROUP OF CHURCHES.
West End Mission,
The Old Mohawk Church.Presbyterian Church,
Methodist Church,
The Salvation Army Barracks.

hoped that at an early day the manufacture of charcoal iron will be commenced, as the town is especially well situated for such in North Hastings, and fuel in abundance being easily obtained along the Bay of Quinte and other railways running into the forest country.

Deseronto is surrounded by a fine agricultural country. Immediately adjacent are the rich farming Townships of Tyndinaga and Richmond; across the bay are the Fredericksburgs and Adolphustown, and the fertile county of Prince Edward, the latter, one of the best fruit sections of Ontario. The fishing industries of the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario are beginning to find Deseronto the best centre from which to direct their operations. Local buyers are now purchasing all along the bay, and as far east as Gananoque. The fish are brought to Deseronto, assorted, packed, iced, and sent by steamers to Oswego, or by rail to Buffalo, Pittsburg or New York City. All varieties of fish,

Meteorological Department. It is also the seat of the Seventh Division Court of the County of Hastings. It is a port of entry. United States Consular department is located here.

Deseronto has splendid shipping and railway facilities, and indeed it would be difficult to imagine a town better situated

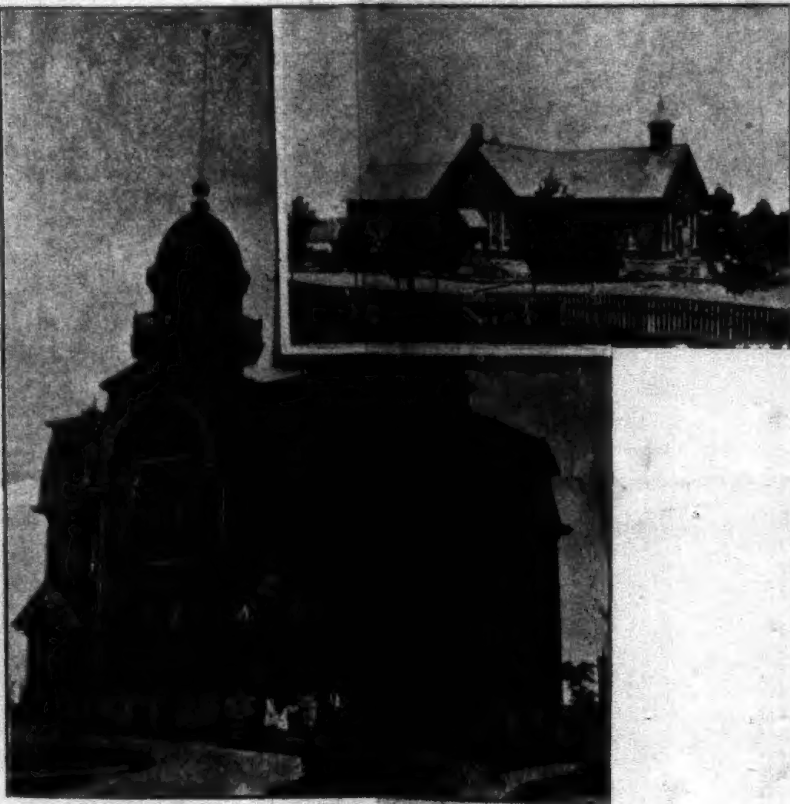
and passengers. The Mitchell & Oulver Navigation Company's steamers call every evening on their route from Montreal to the Atlantic, and other well-known steamers call on their way with freight and passengers for Montreal, Toronto and Rochester. The Hotel, during the summer, calls daily on her trips between Belleville, Kingston or the



INTERIOR OF MALLEY'S DRUG STORE.

the point near the centre of the water front of the present town was sold to an American company, and for many years the little community was known as Mill Point. In 1881 a postoffice was opened in a little log house near the east end of the present town. This office was afterwards removed about half a mile further east on the Napanee road, and received the name of Bowen, from the postmaster. This name may still be seen on some old Provincial maps. The American company referred to commenced operations in 1886. Its

Deputy Reeve. When detached from the Township of Tyndinaga and incorporated as the Village of Mill Point, Mr. W. R. Aylsworth, the present Clerk of the County, was elected Reeve, and continued, with the exception of one year, in which Dr. Newton was the head of the municipality, to fill that position, until Deseronto was incorporated as a town in 1880. Mr. E. W. Rathbun was the first Mayor, and has continued to fill that dignified position until the present day. The personnel of the Town Council is as follows:—



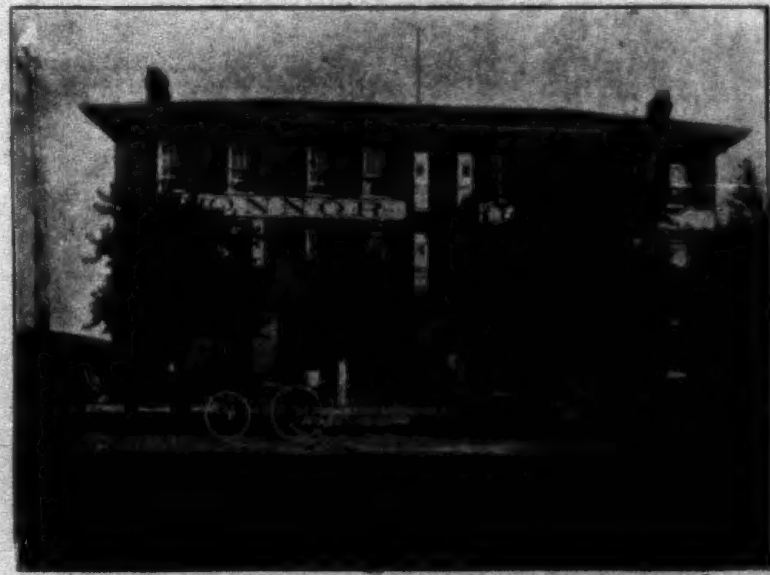
HIGH SCHOOL.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

kilns being kept busy. The gases and vapors generated in these kilns during combustion are conveyed into the main building, where the process of wood distillation is conducted on a large scale. Wood alcohol, pyroligneous acid, creosote, cedar oil, acetates of lime, etc., are evolved in large quantities for domestic and foreign markets. There are also locomotive and machine shops, a large flour mill, and other establishments, which all unite in making this a hive of industry. The Rathbun Company in their works employ over 1,000 operatives in Deseronto, while in the various ramifications of their enormous operations there are often more than 3,000 hands on their pay rolls. It is

from the despoiled bull-head to the giant muskallonge, find a market in these centres of population.

All the leading fire, accident and marine insurance companies are represented in Deseronto. The leading life insurance companies have local agents, and few towns carry a larger amount in this respect than Deseronto. The Bank of Montreal has an agency in Deseronto, thus affording excellent banking accommodations. There are offices of the Canadian and Dominion Express Companies. The different telegraph and telephone companies are also represented, and do a large business. Deseronto is also one of the principal stations of the Dominion



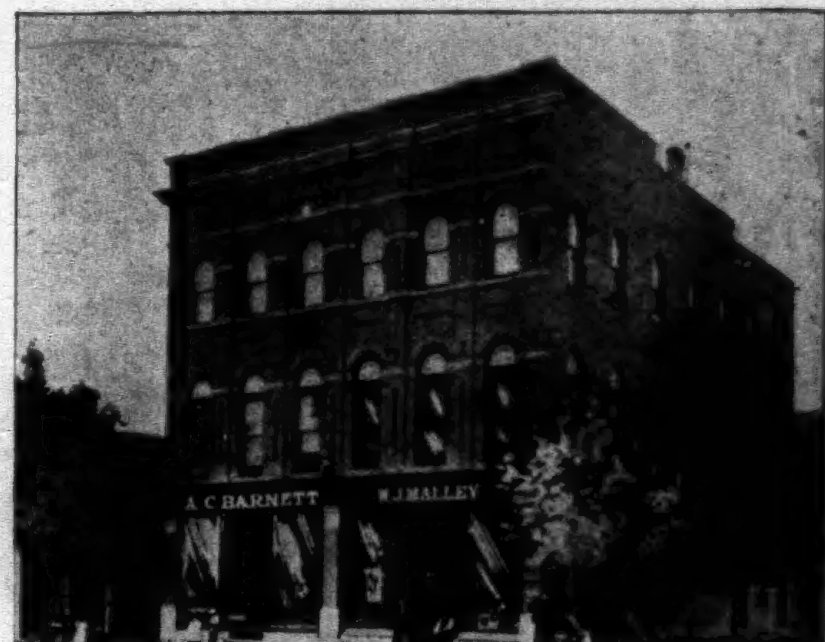
O'CONNOR HOUSE.

for the purposes of commerce. There is a fine harbor with sufficient depth of water all along the bay front for any class of vessels plying Lake Ontario. The Rathbun Company give employment to a large fleet of steamers and sailing vessels, carrying their lumber and manufactured goods to Oswego, Charlotte, Kingston, Ogdensburg, and other ports on Lake Ontario. The steamers of the Deseronto Navigation Company leave on an average every evening for Oswego, with freight

Thousand Islands, and a fleet of well-equipped steamers engaged in the bay service are constantly calling on their trips up and down the bay. During the busy excursion season of July and August, a great number of steamers, decked with flying colors, and crowded with gaily-dressed excursionists, with brass bands, accompaniments, etc., are constantly calling at the wharf, bound for the Thousand Islands, Glenora, Massena, Prescott's Isle every evening for Oswego, with freight



JAMIESON'S "EMPIRE" NO. 11.



A. C. BARNETT'S SHOP.



GROUP OF RESIDENCES.

No. 1, Mr. Naamith; 2, Mr. Edwards; 3, James Mackie; 4, A. A. Richardson; 5, Geo. A. Cole; 6, G. W. Wright; 7, T. Phipps; 8, T. Coughlin; 9, J. Allum; 10, J. K. Henderson; 11, Mr. Poltra; 12, Rev. R. J. Craig; 13, J. A. Davis; 14, Rev. H. B. Patton; 15, G. Stewart; 16, R. Adams; 17, Dr. Newton.

grounds. In the summer months about 90 steamers, exclusive of tugs and yachts, call during the week, an average of fifteen each day. While thus enjoying these benefits of water carriage, Deseronto has also excellent railway accommodation. It is the terminus of the Bay of Quinte Railway, a local branch of which connects the town with the Grand Trunk Railway at Deseronto Junction, only three miles distant. The Bay of Quinte Railway has been extended to Tvers, passing through the busy town of Napanee, and the thriving villages of Napanee Mills, Newburgh,

The Bay of Quinte Railway & Navigation Company have recently provided extensive cold storage accommodation, of which fruit and fish dealers, cheese factories, etc., largely avail themselves. There is also a Marine Railway, giving splendid opportunities to vessels for prompt and speedy repairs. In the local shipyard, some of the best vessels on the lake have been built. All these facts show that Deseronto has commercial advantages unsurpassed by any other town in Ontario.

During the fiscal year ending June 30th, the exports from the Port of Deseronto

rapidly increasing population. The school board have had plans recently executed by a competent architect with a view to the erection at an early date of a school building more in keeping with the requirements of such a progressive town. In former years pupils who passed their entrance examination were obliged to go elsewhere to secure an advanced education prior to entering colleges or entering upon duties as teachers, etc., but a few years ago the people decided that such a state of things must cease, and a handsome High School was built at a cost of \$14,000. This school occupies a very pleasant site in the west end of town. It is built of brick and the rooms are spacious and equipped with all the modern apparatus. There are also extensive grounds, with well-kept lawns, pastures, walks, and cricket and tennis grounds. The teaching staff is composed of educators of provincial reputation, who in a few years have placed this school in the very forefront among the Public Schools of the Province. The Deseronto Mechanics Institute has five rooms in the Cop Block, with large library, cosy reading rooms, neat class rooms, games and smoking rooms, etc. The people take a pride in their schools and the gentlemen on the school boards are animated with a burning desire to maintain the efficiency of the institutions under their care.

Deseronto can safely boast of being probably the most orderly town in Canada. The police force is efficient and the Rathbun Company have also at night a strong force of watchmen to protect their wards. Arrests are very few, and there is almost a total absence of noisy quarrels, fighting or other unseemly displays of bad temper. All this speaks well for the law abiding character of the population and the self-respect maintained by the legions of workmen who make this busy town their home. There is no St. Patrick's Day in Deseronto. The police force is efficient and the Rathbun Company have also at night a strong force of watchmen to protect their wards.

There is everything that is required in Deseronto for the moral and religious development of its inhabitants. Early in the history of Ontario the faithful men who, amidst great toil and privations, preached the Gospel to the early pioneers could be found traversing the Bay District sometimes in canoes making their

Stuart, who had been missionary to the Mohawks at Fort Hunter, N.Y., and settled in Kingston, paid his old parishioners occasional visits. After his death, in 1815, their spiritual interests were looked after by the Rector of Picton and Belleville until the appointment in 1831 of the first missionary, the Rev. Salter Givins. The little log church became too small to accommodate the increasing congregation, and in 1841 the present Church was opened for divine services, having been erected by the Mohawks at a cost of \$8,000. Caniff says of it: "The edifice with four lancet windows on each side presents a very pleasing appearance upon approaching it. The view from the church upon the surrounding scenery is very pleasant, and in the quietness of a summer day one may linger gazing and meditating upon the past history of the race whose dead slumber hard by." Mr. Givins was missionary until 1859 and was succeeded by the Rev. G. A. Anderson, M.A., who remained in charge until 1860, when he resigned, but at the earnest solicitations of his old parishioners he returned in 1866 and still continues to perform the duties of missionary. The interior of the church has been altered and repaired several times. Last year being the fiftieth since its erection improvements were made, including a handsome altar and rector in memory of Rev. S. Givins, the first Rector, which gives the interior of the old edifice a very attractive appearance. Christ Church is situated about a mile from Deseronto and visitors to the town very seldom leave without paying it a visit. The venerable mission is always pleased to show the church, and he is an acknowledged authority upon all matters pertaining to the early history of the Bay District and the Indian tribes of Ontario.

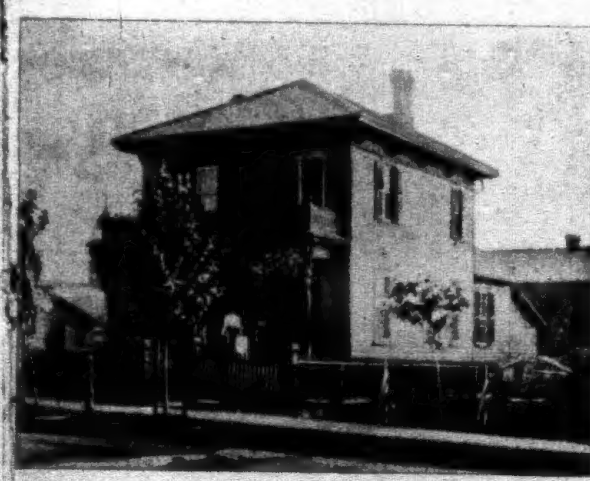
The first religious services, as was usual in early days, were held in private houses in the school house. In after years the "White Church" was built, and used, turn about, by the different denominations. As the village grew the different denominations of Christians erected churches of their own, until all were thus provided. The Episcopalians were the first to build, erecting a brick edifice in the com-



DALTON FURNITURE DEPOT.

admired by all visitors as one of the prettiest specimens of ecclesiastical architecture in the Province. Mr. Craig still continues to preside over the congregation, which he has seen grow from small beginnings to its present proportions.

The Roman Catholics of Deseronto in former years were connected with the mission of Marysville, Tyendinaga, of which the Venerable Father Mackay, now of Belleville, was so long the pastor. Sub-



RESIDENCE OF J. G. HAMPTON.

sequently Deseronto was united with Napanee as one mission. The clergyman resides at Napanee, holding services, however, every Sunday at each town. For some time, the services in Deseronto were conducted in a hall, but in 1885 the present church of St. Vincent de Paul was erected. It is a neat brick edifice on Dundas street. The congregation has grown to large proportions, and the church is already too small for the numbers who assemble at the different services. Rev. John T. Hogan is at present pastor of Napanee and Deseronto.



RESIDENCE OF F. J. ROGERS.

every Friday night, when open air concerts are given. Then the different churches and friendly societies are always organizing events, programmes, etc., to afford an evening's amusement, and earn an honest penny to increase their funds. The Deseronto Club, a social organization, has good support.

The tourist and pleasure-seeker will find Deseronto a most convenient point, from which to make excursions to various points of interest. Glenora, with its beautiful lake of the mountain, is but only an hour distant by boat. Adolphus-

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Yarker, Enterprise, Moscow, Tamworth, Marlbank, etc. At Tvers connection is made with the Canadian Pacific Railway. At Yarker a branch connects with the E. & P. Railway, and an extension carries it to Sydenham. The Bay of Quinte Railway has running powers over the E. & P. Railway to Kingston. By these connections, Deseronto enjoys connection with the two great railway systems of the Province.

were of the value of \$64,553, and the imports \$2,553, the total revenue from customs duties, etc., being \$15,302.10. During the same year 24 steam vessels having a tonnage of 14,344, and crews of 10,530 men, and 224 sailing vessels, having a tonnage of 14,557, and crews of 760 men, arrived at the port.

The gross postal revenue of Deseronto Postoffice for the fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1893, was \$3,752.92. During that year 1,815 money orders, representing \$3,302.56, were issued.

For protection against fire the town council have made an arrangement with The Rathbun Company, who place at the disposal of the corporation their fire engines and other apparatus. The company have powerful pumps and miles of hose in their different works. The Deseronto Gas and Water Company supply the town with light and have partially completed a water service; hydrants are now located along several streets of the town and will be extended throughout the balance of the year. A stand pipe will be erected in the near future that will give a constant pressure on the mains for fire protection and house use. The town also owns an electrical fire alarm system and, on the whole, few towns enjoy better protection against the fiery fiend.

While furthering the material progress of the town, its inhabitants have not been inattentive to matters pertaining to their intellectual development. There is an excellent Public School with a capable staff of eleven teachers. The Public School occupies a commanding situation overlooking the town, bay and surrounding country. Few school houses in Ontario are so delightfully located. The present building consists of a series of extensions made to the original edifice of village days, new rooms having been successively added in order to keep pace if possible with the



B. N. IRVINE'S SHOP.

way from point to point, or protruding afoot or on horseback through the almost pathless wilderness, cheering the lonely settlers with their ministrations of mercy. The Mohawks settled in Canada in 1774, and about the year 1787 a small log church was erected for them in the eastern end of the Reserve, which they had selected. Services were held in this by a native catechist, paid by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, who said the prayers of the Church of England from a translation made by Dr. John Stuart, assisted by Chief Joseph Brant. Dr.



RESIDENCE OF A. G. KNIGHT.

Mill Point in 1864. During the incumbency of Rev. Rural Dean Baker, missionary at the reserve, the people connected with the Church of England at Deseronto reconnected themselves. The result was the present St. Mark's Church, a handsome stone structure, built on an elevated site on Dundas street. Rev. Rural Dean Stanton is the Rector, with Rev. H. B. Patton.

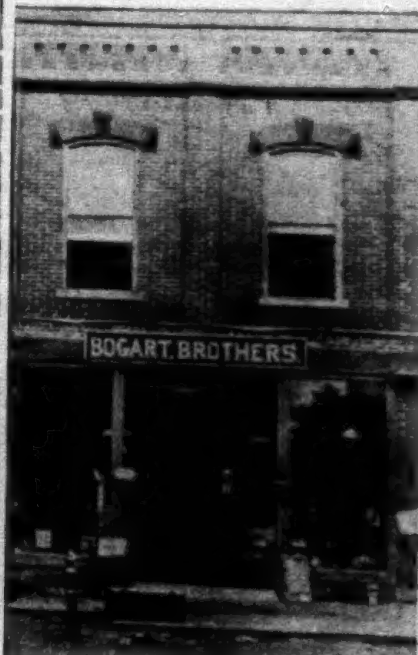
The Salvation Army early found Deseronto an interesting field for their efforts. They have prosecuted their work with untiring zeal, and have been blessed with no small measure of success. A large and commodious barracks has been erected on Green street, where large meetings are held nightly. Lieut. Bird is the officer now in command of the local corps.

The West End Mission, under the direction of the Presbyterian congregation, was undertaken about two years ago, services being at first held in a large tent. It has a wide sphere of usefulness in a needy community, and has already become a means of blessing to a large number. They have now a commodious hall for their services, and a prosperous Sunday School, with a large attendance.

The various churches have also flourishing Sunday Schools, Deseronto having, it is said, a larger number of Sunday School pupils than any town of its size. There are also many societies in connection with the churches that are doing their share in sustaining efforts at home and abroad for the spread of Christianity.

All the leading social, philanthropic and friendly societies are represented in Deseronto. The more intelligent clerics, mechanics and workmen take advantage of the cheap and excellent methods of the friendly insurance societies to provide against the proverbial rainy day, as well as to make provision for their wives and families in case of death. The meetings of societies are generally well-attended, and a spirit of generous rivalry prevails among the different organizations. Church parades are frequently held, each society endeavoring, if possible, to outdo the other in the neatness and smartness of their processions. Fraternal visits to the lodges of neighboring towns and cities are events eagerly anticipated, and the return visits are made occasions for the exercise of a generous hospitality. The amount of good done by these different societies cannot be over-estimated. They have done wonders in creating a spirit of self-respect and independence among all classes of the community.

town and other places, rich in historical associations, are only a few miles distant. The trip up the Napanee River affords some charming spectacles of scenery, and the sail to Picton, and drive thence to the far-famed main islands, make a trip which cannot be excelled for beauty. To the west of the town is the Indian Reserve of Tyendinaga, with its interesting population. The sail up the Bay of Quinte to



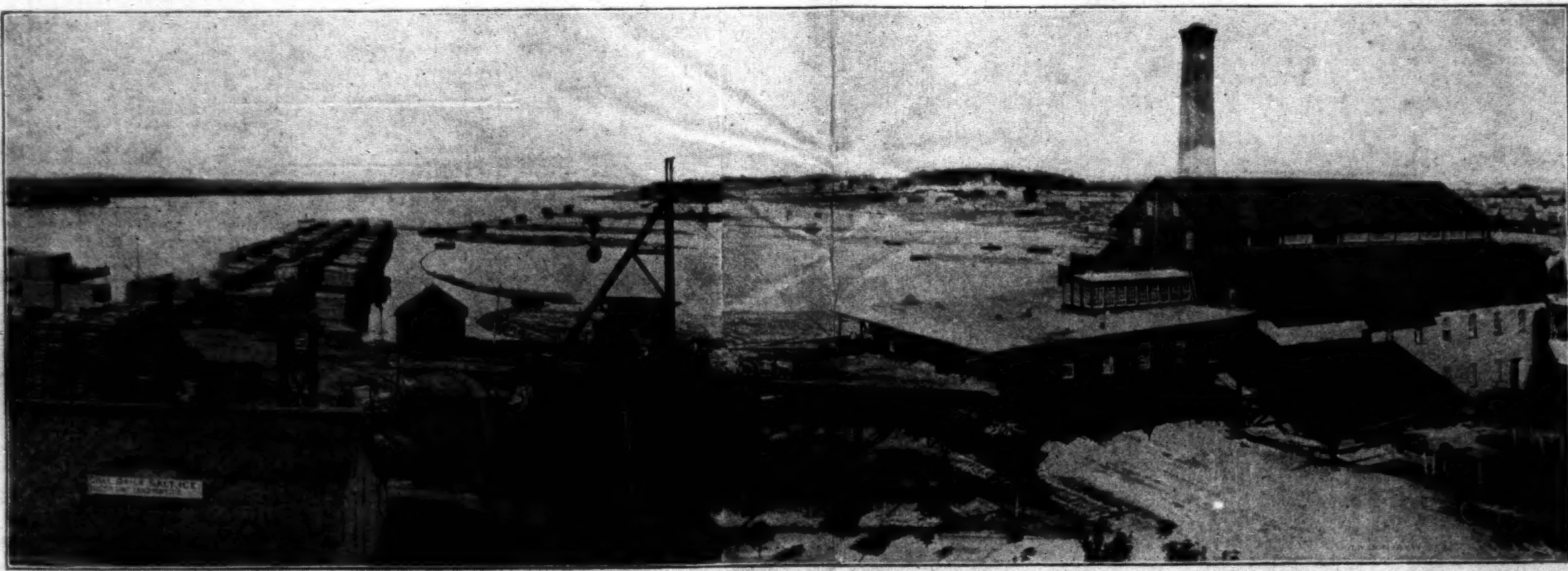
BOGART BROS.

Belleville or Trenton, or a drive along the shore of Prince Edward, affords ever increasing delight. There is excellent fishing in the waters of the bay and Hay Bay and other sections are favorite resorts of the sportsman, either with line or fishing place. Immediately opposite Deseronto lies Foresters' Island Park, owned by Dr. Oronhyeteka. This park will soon be opened to the public, and must become a favorite resort for the weary business men of city and town.

The business men of Deseronto have a reputation for energy and progressiveness, characteristic of the town. Their shops show everything to suit the most fastid-



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THE RATHBUN COMPANY'S MILL.

ous purchasers. The principal business thoroughfares are Main street and George street. In former years little effort was made to attract a country trade, but of late there has been a change of policy in this respect, and, as a result, the farmers of the surrounding district are beginning to purchase more largely in Deseronto. They have long found that Deseronto, owing to the large number of me-

some private residences, with fine lawns, flower plots and other neat surroundings. The corporation is far from niggardly in its expenditure for all public services; there are never any arrearsages of taxation, and the town, from a financial point of view, holds an enviable position, being practically free of debt. With all the advantages afforded by its unrivalled situation; with broad rivers

may communicate with them with that end in view.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

The Bank of Montreal, with its 112,000,000 capital and millions in deposits is a well known and a financial institution to require much to be said in these notes. A branch of this bank has been recently established in Deseronto, the premises being in a neat and centrally situated block on Main street. Mr. F. J. Rogers, a manager and Mr. H. A. Dean, accountant teller. The branch is a great convenience to business men of the town and the different cheese factories of the vicinity. Farmers and mechanics in constantly increasing numbers deposit their earnings in the savings bank department.

BAY OF QUINTE MEAT MARKET.

Bay of Quinte Meat Market, Mr. W. C. B. Rathbun, proprietor, situated in the Baker block, Main street, is one of the finest establishments of the kind that we have yet seen in Ontario. The premises are very extensive and everything is kept in such a clean and artistic condition that it is a pleasure to make this stand a visit. A large stock of fresh, salt and cured meats, poultry, etc., is kept on hand, and the "Market" daily presents the appearance of a great business emporium. At the market special attention is paid to the curing and packing of meats, and the sausages manufactured at the market have gained more than a local reputation. All varieties of fresh fish are kept in their season, as well as all kinds of all kinds. The farmers of the surrounding country find the Bay of Quinte Meat Market a very convenient centre for disposing of their stock, especially of their animals. A large staff of butchers and sales men are employed.

GEO. E. CLEMENT.

Mr. George E. Clement, contractor and builder, has been about ten years engaged in business in Deseronto of which he is one of the most enterprising citizens. He has during those ten years built over one hundred houses in Deseronto. Among some of his large contracts were the Methodist church, Baker block, High school, McCullough block, Clement block, etc. In these works he has given employment to a large corps of mechanics and workmen and has performed his different tasks with the greatest satisfaction to all concerned. He has also performed numerous contracts in many portions of the adjoining counties. Rapidly and skillfully of construction have always been special features in his fulfillment of contracts, and he has received a host of testimonials for the faithful manner in which work has been performed. Mr. Clement represents the West Ward in the town council.

W. J. MALLEY.

The subject of this sketch graduated from the Ontario College of Pharmacy in June, 1888. In November of the same year he opened the West End Pharmacy, in the McCullough block, St. George street, Deseronto. By constant attention and honest dealing with the public, Mr. Malley succeeded in building up a lucrative trade. The growing trade necessitated moving to a larger store, and the premises chosen were those now occupied, at the corner of St. George and Edmund streets. Mr. Malley's drug store is one of the best in the Bay District. In addition to a complete stock of drugs, patent medicines, and toilet articles, patrons will always find a splendid assortment of stationery, fancy goods, wall paper, lamps, paints, oils, etc. The prescription department is stocked with the purest drugs that money will buy, and is under the direct supervision of the proprietor. Elsewhere in this issue appear engravings of the block and of the interior of Mr. Malley's well-appointed drug store.

F. DONOGHUE & BRO.

This well-known firm was established away back in 1855, in consequence of one of the oldest in Central Ontario. The present firm is composed of Messrs. F. Donoghue and J. M. Oliver, trading under the name of F. Donoghue & Bro., as general merchants. They occupy commodious premises on the main street of Deseronto, directly opposite the O'Connor House, and carry a large stock of staple and fancy dry goods, silks, satins, carpets, hats, caps, groceries, shelf hardware, toilet articles, boots and shoes, trunks and valises, and a large assortment of garden seeds. This firm buy for cash, and are thus able to give their customers the benefit of the discount. Both members of the firm are Canadians, the senior partner having resided in Deseronto since 1844. Their trade extends all through the Bay of Quinte District, where the firm enjoy a high reputation for honorable dealing.

JOHN DALTON.

Mr. John Dalton, one of the most successful business men in Central Ontario, is a native of Yorkshire, England. When he came to Canada he first settled in Ottawa, but moved to Deseronto in 1877 to take charge of one of the departments for the Rathbun Company. Five years later he began business for himself as a dealer in furniture. An undertaking department was added, and, by energetic and prudent management the business has grown to its present large dimensions. The past spring Mr. Dalton found it necessary to increase his premises, and accordingly built a commodious brick shop, two storeys high and having a frontage of 56 feet on St. George street. The new shop has a floor area of 7,500 square feet, all of which is used in displaying the fine stock of furniture, pianos, organs and sewing machines, which Mr. Dalton deals in. The handsome hearse in connection with the undertaking department is admitted to be one of the finest in Central Ontario. Last year Mr. Dalton built for

himself a large furniture factory just west of the town and fronting on the Bay of Quinte. It is equipped with the best of machinery and Mr. Dalton now is in a position to offer special lines of furniture at exceptionally low rates. With all his business responsibilities, Mr. Dalton has found time to do his share of municipal work, both as a member of the Town Council and School Board. He is President of the Local Reform Association and is one of the most popular and capable business men in the district.

MRS. DALTON.

For a long period of years Mrs. Dalton has retained the patronage of a host of customers from various parts of the Bay of Quinte district. Her establishment on St. George street, Deseronto, is the headquarters for millinery and fancy dry goods, and her shop has an enviable reputation for reliability. The ladies who are not acquainted with Mrs. Dalton's taste and skill will do well to give her a call.

THE O'CONNOR HOUSE.

Among the travelling public there is no more popular landlord than genial Pat O'Connor of the "O'Connor House," Deseronto. The Globe representative who recently visited Deseronto well remembers the small brick hotel which Mr. O'Connor built about a quarter of a century ago. Now the building has grown to be a massive three-storey structure, and even now is hardly large enough to accommodate the trade. These facts speak loudly as to Mr. O'Connor's ability and popularity. The O'Connor House is handsomely furnished and is conducted in a first-class manner. The table is supplied with all the delicacies of the season, and in every way the comfort of guests is made a study. You cannot go astray if you register at the O'Connor House.

JAMES GAULT.

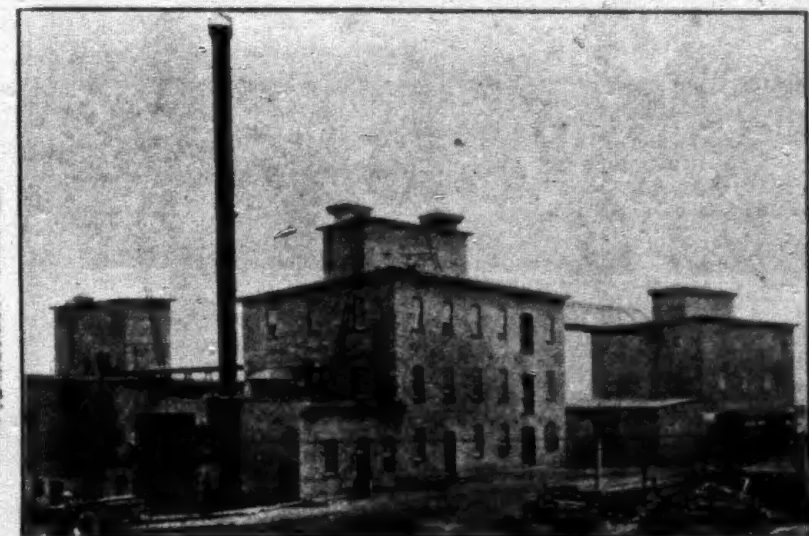
When next in Deseronto, if you want to take a drive, call on James Gault and get

gans and pianos and also for several lines of brass and reed instruments. Prof. Denmark is a clever musician, and is the conductor of the Citizens' Band, which, under his training, has developed into one of the best brass bands of the Province. He has also a well trained orchestra and mandolin, guitar and banjo clubs, an indispensable adjunct to all social events.

the Town Council. Mr. Edward is personally very popular and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

JAMES R. BOOTH.

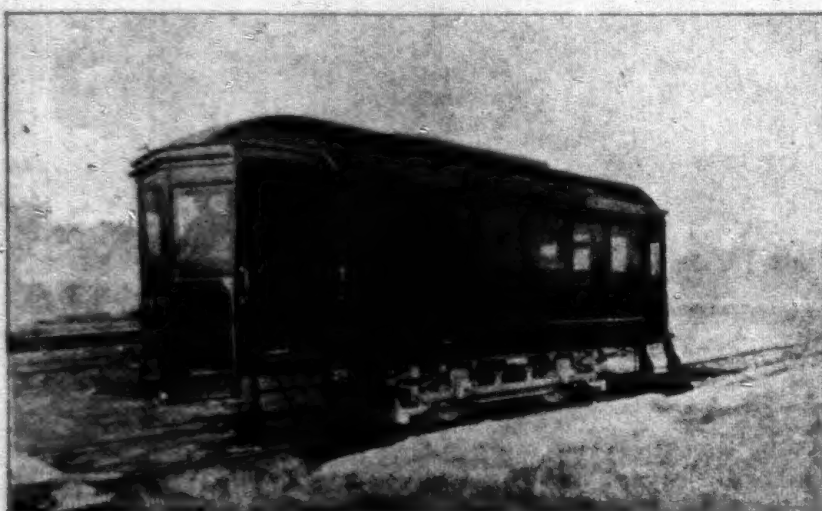
Mr. James R. Booth, mason builder, has been a resident of Deseronto for many years and has been connected with the great number of factories, business blocks and many of the private residences of the town. He has also had heavy contracts



THE ROLLER FLOUR MILL.

He is a teacher of violin, mandolin and other music, and has classes not only in Deseronto, but in Belleville, Napanee and other towns. By his genial manners and unfailing courtesy he has made himself a great favorite in Deseronto.

In many parts of the adjoining country, and has earned a reputation as an excellent builder. He employs at times many hands and many of his former apprentices have succeeded admirably in other places as a result of his careful training. He owns a neat residence on Thomas street.



ELECTRIC CAR, BUILT BY THE RATHBUN COMPANY.

chanics employed, in the best market for their produce, and they begin to recognize the fact that they can procure supplies as cheaply here as in the county towns where their fathers were long accustomed to buy and sell. Commercial travellers unite in declaring Deseronto one of the best towns which they visit, and it is indeed a rare thing for a Deseronto merchant to be forced to compromise with his creditors. The visitor to Deseronto cannot but be impressed with the tireless business energy everywhere manifest. He will also soon be convinced that the community is

bearing on their bosom to the adjacent waters of the bay the products of the forest; with railways tapping an extensive area of country rich in agricultural and mineral resources; with steamers and sailing vessels ploughing the bay, now more than ever a great highway of commerce, it is not surprising that Deseronto has become a great manufacturing centre, and the seat of various thriving industries. We know of no place in Ontario where men of enterprise, seeking for a place in which to establish new factories, could locate to better advantage. The



THE CHEMICAL WORKS.

possessors of great public spirit. The streets are kept in a clean and well-trimmed condition, too often found lacking in Canadian towns. The town is justly celebrated for its boardwalk system, which is almost perfect. The mechanics and workmen are, to a very great extent, the owners of their own houses, all of which manifest an appearance of thrift and good taste. There are a number of very hand-

people of Deseronto would welcome all capitalists desirous of investing in such a way. There are excellent openings in Deseronto for foundries, knitting and woollen mills, canning factories, corset factories, boot and shoe factories, etc. The Mayor and other public and business men would only be too happy to give all required information to any person who



WM. IRVINE'S COTTAGE.



E. W. Rathbun

F. S. Rathbun

H. H. Rathbun

W. C. B. Rathbun

Mrs. French

GROUP OF THE RESIDENCES OF THE MESSRS. RATHBUN.

JOHN EDWARDS.

A few weeks ago Mr. John Edwards started a grocery business in the Clement block, Deseronto. He is an old resident of the town, and no doubt will secure a full share of public patronage. Mr. Edwards begins business with a large stock of fresh groceries and is prepared to sell them at lowest rates. He is the oldest member of the School Board and has also served in

and has always been popular with all classes of the community.

COLE BROS.

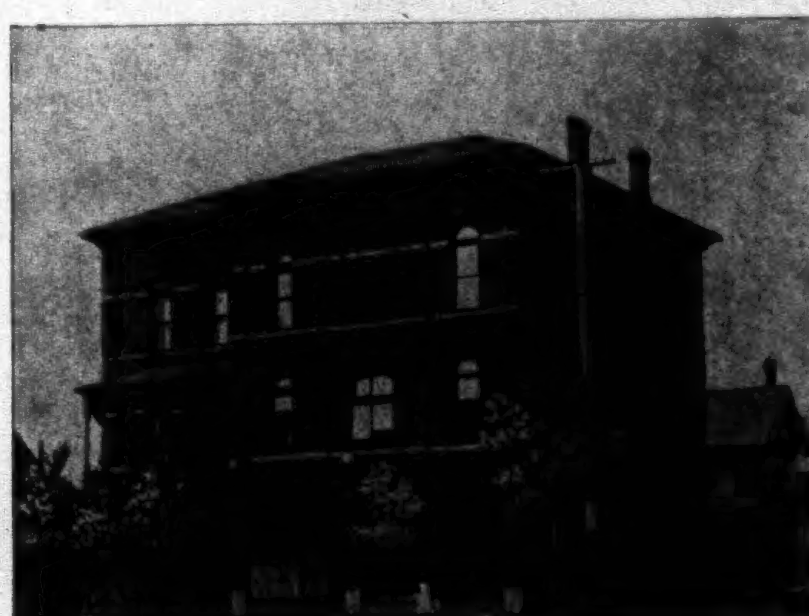
Cole Bros., hair dressers and tobacconists, Main street, Deseronto. The firm consists of Edward and James Cole, two enterprising young men who have gained a name for snap and business energy. They are the largest houses in these lines

BOGART BROTHERS.

Among the younger business houses in Deseronto, the firm of Bogart Brothers easily stands first. The brothers, Messrs. A. G. and A. A., are both young men of energy and ability. They began business in 1888, as grocers and confectioners, and, to such an extent did their trade develop, that they found it necessary to secure more commodious premises. They have recently moved into a fine new shop in the Dalton Block, St. George street, which they have stocked with full lines of groceries, cutlery, crockery, china, ware and glassware. The Messrs. Bogart have started in to build up a trade by strictly fair dealing and prompt attention to business. One feature in connection with their establishment, is the quick delivery of goods to all parts of Deseronto and the immediate vicinity. Farm produce is taken in exchange for goods, and the highest going prices allowed. If you are wanting anything in their line, give Bogart Brothers a call.

J. M. DENMARK.

Prof. J. M. Denmark, dealer in musical and all kinds of musical instruments, Main street, nearly opposite the O'Connor House, keeps on hand a large and varied assortment, and has the satisfaction of enjoying a brisk trade with the musically disposed population of the district. He is sole agent for the celebrated "Kam" or-



THE CLEMENT BLOCK.

in Deseronto, having four chairs in their parlour. Mr. Frank McIntyre, recently of Belleville, where he was employed in Latimer's shop, is one of the assistants. They also carry a large stock of choice cigars and to acco- modate the trade, and are sole agents for several fragrant and celebrated brands of tobacco and cigars. In connection with the barber shop, they have recently started in the same block a large billiard and pool room with excellent tables and other modern attachments.

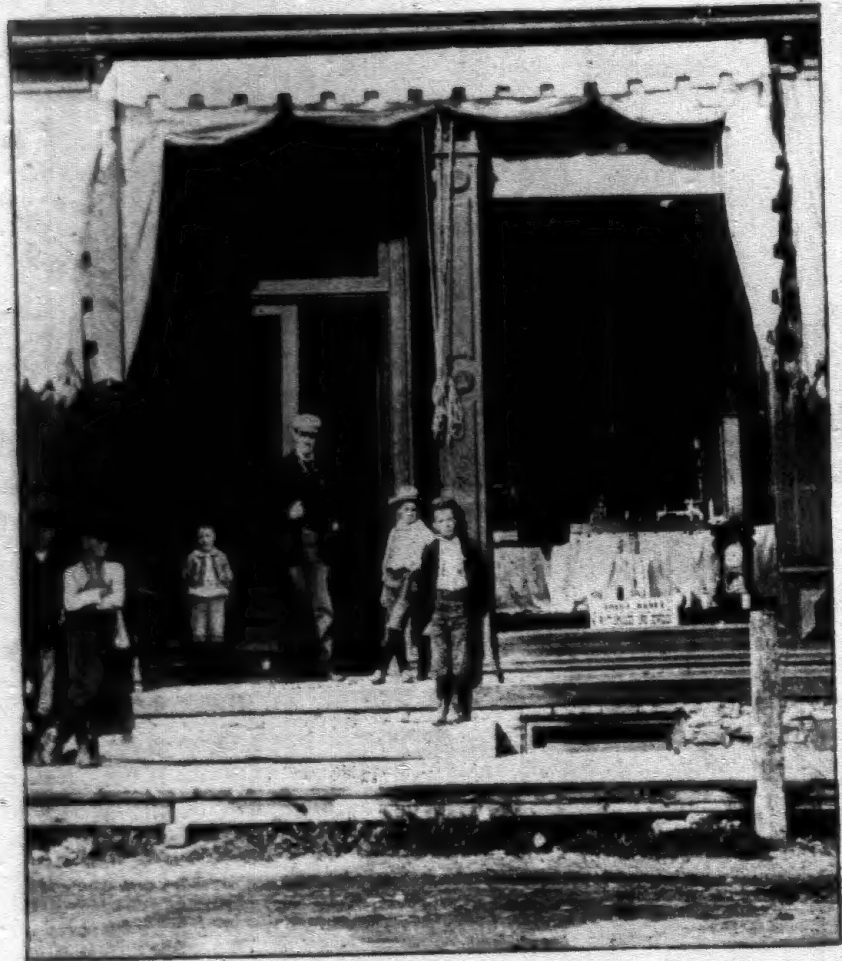
F. C. DAVEY.

Mr. Davey has already secured a fair share of public patronage, although but a new comer. He began business at Deseronto in February, 1894, and his store, in the McCullough Block, St. George street,

was small, and Mr. Egar found it necessary to add a stock of fancy goods, in order to make his business venture a success. He still keeps fancy goods in stock, but is aiming at gradually clearing them out, so as to devote his whole attention to the drug business. Mr. Egar gives special attention to the dispensing department, and prides himself on the carefulness displayed in this department. Dr. Newton, one of the oldest and most successful practitioners in the district, has his office at Mr. Egar's drug store. Mr. Egar is one of the officers of the Indian Department, and his beautiful home, "Moss Grove," is located on the reservation.

W. S. MOORE.

Mr. W. S. Moore is one of the latest acquisitions to the ranks of the business men



F. C. DAVEY.

is well-stocked with a fine assortment of jewellery, silverware, clocks, etc. Mr. Davey is a first-class practical jeweller, having served his time with the well-known firm of Kent Bros., Toronto. A specialty is made of repair work, all of which is fully guaranteed. If your watch needs attention, take it to Mr. Davey and have it fixed right. Charges moderate.

R. MILLER.

An "Up-to-date" shop in every particular is that of Mr. R. Miller, St. George street, Deseronto. It is one of the neatest shops in the Bay of Quinte District, and contains a general assortment of dry goods and gent's furnishings. Mr. Miller began business in Deseronto in 1892, and

of Deseronto, having but lately started a bakery, confectionery and ice cream business on St. George street. Mr. Moore was for a long time connected with the well-known establishment of Mr. Davis, Naperville, where he gained a name as one of the best fancy bakers and confectioners in the Bay District. He makes a specialty of all kinds of cakes and fancy confectionery, nothing but the best materials being used. He is ready to supply wedding or picnic parties, etc., at shortest notice. He has already succeeded in working up a large demand for his goods, and there is little doubt that the favorable opinion which he has already formed of Deseronto as a good town for



BAY OF QUINTE MEAT COMPANY.

town and a favorite resort for commercial travellers and business men. If you wish to present a stylish appearance call at his stand and the thing is done.

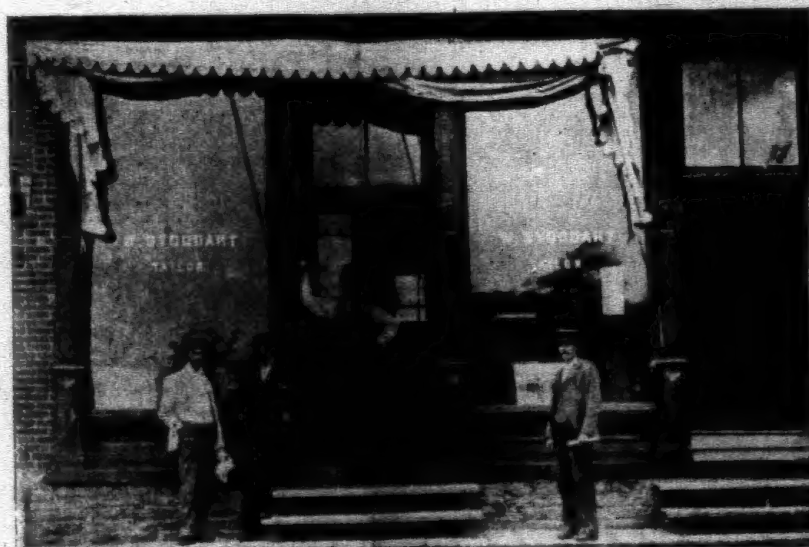
WM. STODDART.

A thoroughly popular business man is William Stoddart. Wherever known he is highly respected, and deservedly so. Mr. Stoddart is a merchant tailor, and a thoroughly practical one. For eight years he was the principal cutter in the Rathbun Company's "Big Store," but for the past four and a half years has been in business for himself. His long residence in the district, and the quality of the work turned out of his shop, insures him a

tion which he has filled with dignity and marked ability. The fact that his acts have never even been criticised by either political party is proof positive that he has been a careful officer. Five years ago Mr. Irvine embarked in the grocery and provision trade, and now enjoys the patronage of farmers from all parts of the Bay District. Mr. Irvine's store and residence are situated on the corner of Thomas and Fourth streets, Deseronto, where he will be pleased to see many new customers.

E. T. MILLER.

Mr. E. T. Miller carries on business as a practical tinmith. The firm of Anderson & Miller was established four years ago.



W. STODDART'S SHOP.

steady trade, which finds employment for from fourteen to sixteen hands the year round. Mr. Stoddart keeps in stock a large assortment of the finest imported tweeds, worsteds and other cloths suitable for the trade. This year Mr. Stoddart is a member of the Deseronto Town Council, and is filling the position with credit and ability. In this issue are given engravings of his shop and residence, the latter being named "Gals" cottage, after his Scottish home.

G. E. SNIDER.

Mr. Snider established his business in 1890 and is a practical watchmaker and jeweller, having served his time with J. A. Leheup, for many years a finisher in Russell's factory, England. Mr. Snider also spent some time in the shops of Wm. Wake-man and F. C. Chalmers, Naperville, and



G. E. SNIDER.

studied the trade in every branch. His shop at Deseronto is stocked with one of the best assortments of jewellery, silverware, watches and clocks, to be found in Central Ontario. Mr. Snider keeps only the best of goods; no cheap stuff is dealt in at all. All work and goods are guaranteed as represented. At present Mr. Snider is arranging for a thorough overhauling of his shop, and when the alterations are completed he will have one of the largest establishments in Central Ontario.

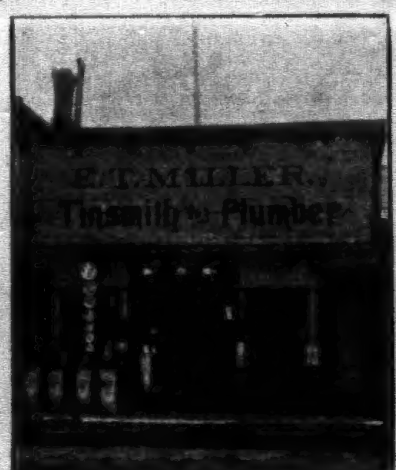
A. C. BARNETT.

Mr. Barnett's store, in the Colp block Deseronto, is one of the best in that bright town. One-half of the space is devoted to the grocery trade, while the other is stocked with the largest assortment of boots and shoes in the district. In addition to the above lines, Mr. Barnett also keeps in stock a fine lot of trunks, satchels and valises. Mr. Barnett is making a strong bid for more trade and is offering tempting bargains in all lines. One of the features in the boot and shoe department is the repair shop, located in the rear of the store. This is in charge of a thoroughly practical shoemaker and the public can rely on having work done in a first-class manner and at reasonable prices. Drop in at Mr. Barnett's and be convinced that he is offering bargains and that his stock is one of the largest and best in the Bay District.

ROBERT N. IRVINE.

Mr. Robert N. Irvine, the efficient Town Clerk of Deseronto, has been a resident of that place for fifteen years. Eleven years ago he was appointed to the position of Clerk of the Municipality, a post

but in January last Mr. Anderson retired. The shop is located on the main street, near the postoffice. A general tinmithing business is done, but Mr. Miller also keeps on hand a large stock of shelf hardware, stoves, etc. Special attention is given to dairy supplies. Plumbing and

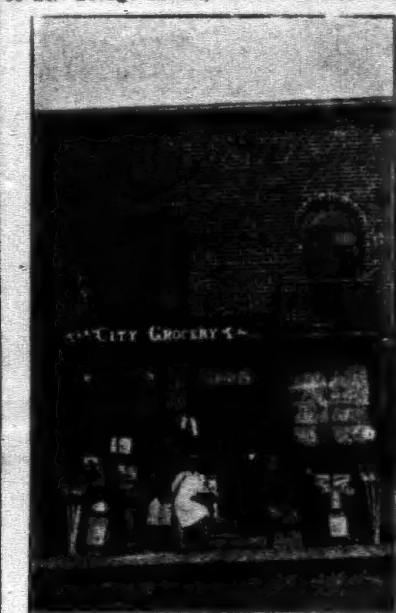


SHOP OF E. T. MILLER.

cave troughing are carefully attended to, and orders entrusted to Mr. Miller are guaranteed to give satisfaction.

THE CITY GROCERY.

This popular grocery, situated on the main street, Deseronto, three doors east of St. George street, is owned and man-



L. HOPKINS' GROCERY.

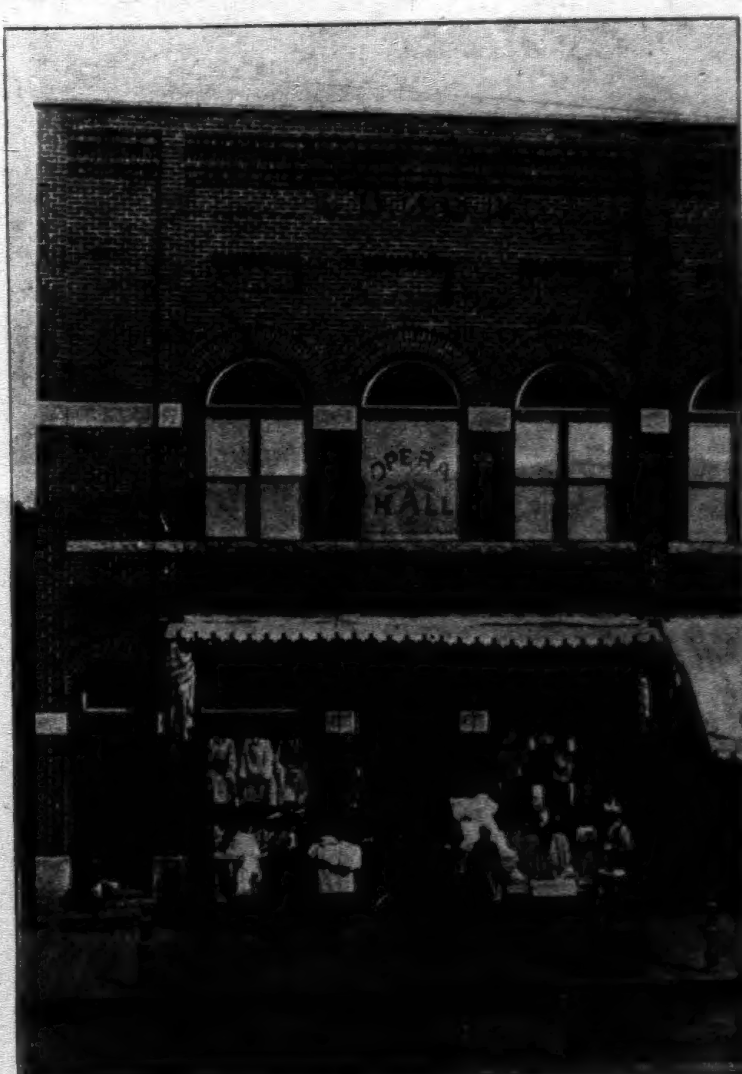
aged by L. Hopkins, a member of the Town Council, and a popular business man. Although but in trade a short time, Mr. Hopkins has already made a reputation for himself for strictly honorable dealing—in fact one feels sure of as good treatment if the youngest child is sent to the shop, as if the buying were personally conducted. Mr. Hopkins keeps a full line of staple and fancy groceries, strictly fresh. Previous to embarking in business for himself, Mr. Hopkins filled various positions of trust with the Rathbun Company, to their entire satisfaction. The people of the Bay of Quinte District will always find a hearty welcome at Mr. Hopkins' store. He is always pleased to receive new old and make new acquaintances. Mr. Hopkins is also issuer of marriage licenses.

P. SLAVEN & CO.

Patrick Slaven, the senior member of the firm of P. Slaven & Co., is one of the best-known dry goods merchants in the Bay of Quinte District. The present firm opened up business in the Baker block, at

Deseronto, on the first of October, 1892. They deal in staple and fancy dry goods, millinery, mantles, and ready-to-wear clothing. P. Slaven & Co. make a specialty of fine dress goods, dress trimmings and fancy dry goods, and by keeping on hand a good stock of the newest styles and novelties, have already succeeded in building up a large and rapidly-growing trade. The firm aim to keep first-class goods, and to sell them at the lowest living price. The people of Deseronto and vicinity have been quick to appreciate the firm's efforts, and the result is that much of the money that formerly was spent in the shops at Belleville, now finds its way into the cash drawer at Messrs. Slaven & Co.'s fine store. This firm have placed heavy orders with old country houses for fall goods, and when these shipments arrive, the firm

carries a large and carefully selected stock of the best groceries. During the last summer he has enlarged his premises and otherwise arranged to provide more commodious facilities for his growing trade. He is a large purchaser of farm produce and enjoys a good country trade. Mr. Sexsmith is also a member of the firm of Sexsmith & Hopper, manufacturers of the "Surprise" and "Sovereign" Baking Powders which have so rapidly come to the front of late years. These baking powders are perfectly pure and have no superior on the market. The demand for these powders is constantly growing and large quantities are exported to wholesale houses in all parts of Ontario. Merchants who are not already carrying these powders are invited to send for samples.



P. SLAVEN & CO.

WIMS & CO.

will be able to show a larger and better stock of dry goods than has ever been displayed in Deseronto. The people of the Bay of Quinte District are cordially invited to call at the Baker Block, inspect the goods and prices, and thus satisfy themselves that all that Messrs. Slaven & Co. announce is strictly true.

THE EMPRESS HOTEL.

This well-known house was started in the early days, when Deseronto was but a village. A few years ago the old structure was torn down, and now a commodious brick building occupies the site. For fifteen years, Wm. Jamieson, well-known to the travelling public, has welcomed guests to the Empress. He is one of the

P. J. Wims, the business manager of the above firm, is a native of County Sligo, Ireland, and is a typical specimen of the warm-hearted, witty sons of Erin. He began business as a dry goods merchant in Deseronto on the 1st of March, 1897. His present stand is one of the best in town and in it he keeps a large stock of dry goods, ready-made clothing, gent's furnishings, hats and caps. Mr. Wims' establishment is an "up-to-date" one in every particular. He had a thorough business training, both in Ireland and Can-



JAMES SEXSMITH.

most genial and courteous of hosts. The Empress is situated within a minute's walk of the steamboat dock and railway station, so naturally gets a full share of public patronage. The table is bountifully supplied, and guests are made thoroughly comfortable.

JAMES SEXSMITH.

Mr. James Sexsmith, grocer and provision merchant, established himself in business in 1888, his shop being on the corner of Thomas and Brant streets. Here he

eda, before starting for himself. He enjoys a large country trade as well as a liberal town patronage. The business is conducted on the ready-cash principle, and the customer gets full value for his money every time. Mr. Wims is a thorough believer in the benefits resulting from a liberal use of printers' ink, and results show that his belief is well-founded. If you want anything in his line, give P. J. a call.



WIMS & CO.

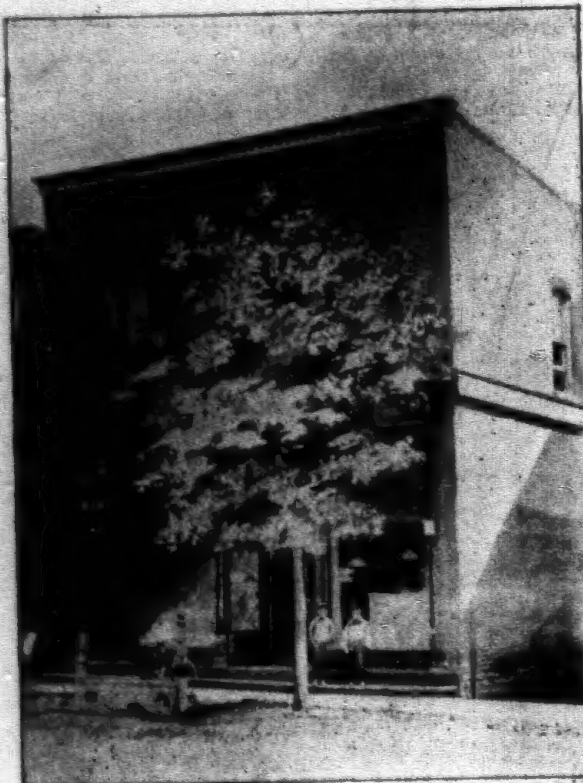


E. MILLER'S STORE.

by courtesy and attention, has already secured a large and rapidly-growing trade. Elsewhere in this issue appears an engraving of Mr. Miller's shop. The people of the Bay of Quinte District, desirous of securing bargains in staple dry goods, or anything in the gent's furnishings line, will consult their own interests by calling on Mr. Miller at his attractive shop on St. George street, Deseronto.

EGAR'S DRUG STORE.

Twenty-one years ago, Mr. W. G. Egar started business in Deseronto, as a chemist and druggist. The place, at that time,



EGAR'S DRUG STORE.